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THE FACULTY OF INSURANCE AND ITS COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION.

THE attention of the British Medical Association having been drawn to the Commission of Investigation appointed by the Faculty of Insurance to consider the position of National Insurance, a communication was addressed by the Association to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee on June 26th last, asking whether the general terms of the reference of the Commission of Investigation were intended to include matters connected with the medical service under the Insurance Acts, or whether the inclusion of such matters was entirely unauthorized and would not be made the subject of departmental consideration until a more appropriate opportunity arose. The following reply, dated July 5th, 1916, was received from the Insurance Commissioners:

I have laid before the Chairman of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee Mr. Neal's letter of the 26th ultimo on the subject of an investigation into the administration of the National Insurance Acts, which is understood from announcements in the Press to have been instituted by the Faculty of Insurance, and I am directed by him to say that this Department is not in possession of any information other than that contained in those announcements with regard to the matters which it is intended that any such investigation should cover.

I am to add that since the body by which it is proposed that this inquiry should be conducted has no official standing, the question of the scope of the inquiry is not one with which any Government department is concerned, but your Association will be aware that, for reasons arising out of the present national situation which have frequently been explained by the Chairman of the Joint Committee in the House of Commons, any questions affecting the position of medical practitioners who have entered into agreements under the Acts for the treatment and attendance of insured persons were advisedly excluded from review by the Departmental Committee on Approved Society Finance and Administration appointed in January last.

As it appears from correspondence which has recently taken place in the lay press and medical journals that there is considerable ignorance on the part both of the medical profession and of the public as to the exact status of the Commission of Investigation appointed by the Faculty of Insurance, it seems desirable to emphasize the entirely unofficial standing of that body. Notwithstanding the fact that the Commission holds its meetings in a committee room in the House of Commons it has absolutely no official status, and its investigation is merely a private inquiry instituted apparently in the interests of certain approved societies. The Insurance Acts Committee of the Association entirely repudiates the evidence furnished to the Commission both by the National Medical Union and by certain individual practitioners, and considers that the profession and the public should be informed that such evidence will be rebutted when the proper time comes before an authorized body. The Association, however, feels that the present time is most inopportune for any impartial inquiry into the terms and conditions of medical benefit under the Insurance Acts, owing to the absence on military service of many medical practitioners directly affected, and to the necessity for those remaining at home to devote their time to attendance on the civilian population.

The memorandum that was furnished to this unofficial Commission by the National Medical Union, and which was published on page 67 of the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of August 19th, 1916, was only published for the purpose of letting insurance practitioners appreciate the character of the evidence which the National Medical Union is supplying to the Commission.

There is no doubt that the Government at a more fitting time will hold a full and impartial inquiry into the whole question of medical benefit. Pending such inquiry panel practitioners will wisely ignore the partial and prejudiced investigations of any unofficial inquiry into the working of the Acts, and may safely rely upon the Association zealously to watch the various movements and phases of this question, and take prompt action when the proper time arrives.

British Medical Association.

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Robb, Dr. A. Gardner, Belfast.
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Richmond, Dr. B. A., London.
Shipley, Dr. A. E., F.R.S., Cambridge.
Shore, Dr. T. W., London.
Taylor, Dr. Frederick, London.
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE *re* MINUTE 47 OF ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, 1916.

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Turner, Mr. E. B.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

SOUTH-EASTERN (IRELAND) BRANCH:

AN ordinary meeting of the South-Eastern (Ireland) Branch was held at the Adelphi Hotel, Waterford, on September 6th, Dr. R. R. O'BRIEN in the chair.

Appointment of Medical Referees under the Insurance Act.—A resolution was unanimously passed that the whole-time medical referees should be appointed on the recommendation and nomination of the Local Medical Committees, and where Local Medical Committees do not exist by the votes of the local profession.

INSURANCE.

LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES.

SURREY.

AT a meeting of the Panel Committee on July 21st all the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. It was decided to invite Mr. E. B. Turner, a member of the Insurance Acts Committee of the British Medical Association, to address a meeting of practitioners at the Surbiton Cottage Hospital on October 20th.

The Chairman was requested to draw up a scheme for issuing an annual handbook, and to submit an estimate to the next meeting. It was decided to draw the attention of the Insurance Committee to the frequent delay in the issue of medical cards to insured persons, owing to the neglect of the approved societies to send an index slip to the

Insurance Committee, and to suggest that there should be some penalty for such neglect.

It was agreed to support the County Borough of Stockport Panel Committee in its efforts to secure the following reforms:

1. That the Commissioners be urged to take steps forthwith to put the method of payment upon an intelligible and business footing capable of being audited, as is done in ordinary business concerns; that after the expiration of three years the inflation system should be rectified, and not allowed to continue permanently.
2. The establishment of a central clearing house for the purpose of securing a correct register, as promised at the conference between the British Medical Association and the Commissioners in January, 1915.
3. The insertion in next year's agreement with practitioners of a date for the final settlement in lieu of the present most unsatisfactory clause as soon as may be.

CORRESPONDENCE.

POST BELLUM AGREEMENT.

DR. NOY SCOTT (Plymstock) writes: I am glad that your correspondence columns are affording evidence of the unrest there is among panel practitioners (or at least amongst those of them who think), and sufficient time has now elapsed to prove that in most things such practitioners are absolutely in the hands of the Commissioners. The evidence which has recently been collected at the inquiry into the Insurance Act is not likely to decrease the thinly-veiled contempt with which the Commissioners seem to think they can treat the medical profession. My object in writing, however, is not to grumble (for we can only thank ourselves for our present position, seeing it is the logical development of the lamentable failure to be true to ourselves during the fight whilst the Insurance Act was becoming law), but to ask all my fellow practitioners—panel or otherwise—to think seriously how we can organize ourselves for the coming fight and sink our differences in one large and influential organization, for whichever way we look there are indications that the State intends, if possible, to further "exploit the profession." Is there any organization existing under whose banner we could all rally and so present a united front? The answer is, of course, Yes: the British Medical Association. But what are the present conditions? Is it not a fact that during the last two or three years its membership has largely decreased, and that nearly every Branch had to report a smaller membership this last year? Is it not a fact that even those who are members show such apathy that it is almost impossible to get them together for any meetings? And, worse than all, is it not a fact the Association has only a bare majority of the profession within its ranks? Is it not a fact that there are other smaller associations fighting for one section or another, and by this fact fostering discussion? In spite of all these, however, the cardinal fact remains that the British Medical Association is still the most powerful and numerous association of medical men and, so far, has a certain right to represent them and to be recognized by the State, and that right has to a certain extent been so recognized. But can it ever be powerful enough to influence any Government until its membership is almost doubled? The practical question is, therefore, How can its membership be increased? Two years ago at the Annual Representative Meeting I suggested one way, and a resolution was passed that the general secretaries of the Association should make a missionary effort to obtain new members, but so far as I know nothing effective has yet been done, although the Association has now four medical secretaries. The war is probably the excuse, but if rumour is correct, the war has not prevented the Commissioners preparing for what must take place when the war is over—namely, a great alteration in the working of the Insurance Act; and if they are preparing for that, surely it is of vital importance that we should do the same; and at any rate it is obvious that unless we are so prepared we shall be caught napping, and the result will again be disastrous. We must, therefore, largely increase the membership of the British Medical Association or bring about such an amalgamation of the various societies which are in existence for the protection of our interests that we can show a really united front. If things continue as at present we shall find a large number of panel practitioners who will accept anything which the Commissioners propose, and, on the other hand, if the State propose a State medical service (whatever that may mean), there are many practitioners who expect to find therein a Utopia in which doctors will get a very easy life and patients will never be troublesome! To these I would recommend a careful study of the regulations which are issued from time to time by the Insurance Commissioners.

INSURANCE NOTES.

MIDLOTHIAN PANEL COMMITTEE.

IN a circular letter sent by the Midlothian Panel Committee to the panel practitioners of the area the doctors are informed that the report of the Central Bureau on dispensing for 1915 is not so creditable to the profession as it might be. Though a sum of 2s. only per insured person is set apart for drugs and appliances, at least some of the practitioners are "dispensing" (? prescribing) at the rate of 2s. 6d. and upwards—not per patient, but per insured person on their lists. The Panel Committee was astounded to find that the cost of drugs supplied ranged from a minimum of 1¾d. to a maximum of 3s. 8d. per insured person. Of course, in individual cases there may be satisfactory reasons for the high rates, and the Panel Committee will treat them with every consideration, but it feels that some of the doctors are not supporting it as they should. Too many proprietary medicines are being prescribed as well as drugs for which cheaper substitutes could be found. Practitioners are not asked to sacrifice their patients to make the report look well, but only to remember the fund at their disposal. Two possible consequences may follow if extravagant prescribing continues: (1) Not only would there be no floating sixpence, but the chemists could not be paid in full; and (2) the practitioner may be surcharged. The average records for the area are then given, and each doctor is supplied with his own records for comparison. On the average it appears that the "frequency"—that is, the number of prescriptions per head of the persons on the panel list—is 1.43; the percentage of prescriptions costing over 1s. is 21.68, the average cost per prescription 10.32d., the cost of drugs per insured person 14.89d., the prescriptions per patient attended 3.27, and the attendances per prescription issued 3.6.

It is further stated that there is evidence that the records are not being kept as they should be, and the failure to do so is not only contrary to law and agreement, but against the interest of the profession. The immediate penalty may be the stopping of the payment of 2s. 6d. per insured person, and the ultimate penalty is that in the recasting of the Insurance Act after the war, the records may be used against the profession for the reduction of the capitation rate. The domiciliary 6d. is also to be kept in mind, and practitioners are urgently requested to notify all cases of tuberculosis to the Insurance Committee—for example, tuberculosis of bones, skin, joints, etc. If that be done, there will be no further talk of withdrawing this fee on the plea that it is not earned.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following announcements are notified by the Admiralty: Surgeon-General Sir W. Watson Cheyne, Bt., to the *Pembroke*, additional, for Chatham Hospital. Fleet Surgeons P. H. Bannister, M.B., to the *Victory*; F. Bolster, M.B., to the *Leviathan* Staff Surgeon W. W. D. Chilcott to the *Blanche*. Surgeon M. P Fitzgerald to the *Pembroke*. Temporary Surgeons D. P. Brown to the *Ganges*, additional, for Shotley Sick Quarters, vice Tongue; W. H. Du Pré to H.M.S. *Pembroke*, additional, for Chatham Hospital.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Surgeon J. H. F Lamb, M.B., to the *Victory*, additional. Surgeon-Probationer J. R. Hughes to the *Garland*.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Temporary honorary Major S. M. Smith, M.B., F.R.C.S. (Captain R.A.M.C., T.F.), from St. John Ambulance Brigade Hospital, to be temporary Colonel.

Colonel J. C Morgan is placed temporarily on the half-pay list on account of ill health.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. M. Pilcher, D.S.O., M.B., F.R.C.S., R.A.M.C., to be Brevet-Colonel.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. T. I. Lilly is retained on the active list, and to be supernumerary.

Temporary Captain F. S. Brereton to be temporary Major.

Temporary Captain R. R. K. Paton, M.B., to be local Major whilst employed on embarkation duties.

Temporary Captains relinquish their commissions: A. N. Clemenger, M. D. Eder, J. Mils, M B

Temporary Captain W. J. Stewart, M.B., relinquishes his commission on account of ill health.

H. W Carson, F.R.C.S., to be temporary honorary Captain whilst serving with No. 10 Red Cross (Lady Murray's) Hospital.

L. J. Weatherbe, M.B., late surgeon-Captain Paget's Horse, to be temporary Captain.

Temporary Lieutenants to be temporary Captains: A. J. V. McDonnell, J. Brunton, M.D., R. W. Ironside, late Lieutenant R.A.M.C.(T.F.), J. B Butler, M.B., W. Browne, B. D. Crichton, M.B., W. P. MacKasey, M.D., A. M Watts, M.D., W. L. Clementz, M B.

Temporary Lieutenants relinquish their commissions: W. S. Macdonald, M.D., E. D. Wolff, A. H Style, M.D. J. G. Waine, M.B., C. A. F. Gavilier, M.D, G. W. Middlemiss, M.B., P. Rendall, M.D., A. R. McLachlan, F.R.C.S.

The notifications in the *London Gazette* of August 7th regarding temporary Lieutenants W. Browne and R. D. Laurie, M.B., are cancelled.

Temporary Lieutenant J. A. Robinson relinquishes his commission on account of ill health.

To be temporary Lieutenants: P. E. el Howie, M.B., W. S. Angus, M.B., E. A. S. Shaw, F. M. P. Rice, C. H. Brookes, M.D., C I. Stockley, M.B., F. Corner, A. S. Dawson, G H. Baird, M.D., A. Jervis, M.D., J. Dulberg, M.D., R. Haslam, M.B., W. Craik, M.B , E. O. Marks, M.B., J. Lindsay, M.D., D. C. Druitt, M. C. Gardner, M.B., H. Greenwood, E. Evans, H. L. Cronk, C. D. Pile, M B., J. B. Whitfield, M.B., J. M. Jarvis, M.B., T. A. Matthews, M.B., O. H. Woodcock, M.B , J. W. Gill, M.D., F. W. Murray. R. M. Coalbank, A. S Paterson, M.B., R. J. Wilson, M.B., W. E. Morgan, J. M. Hall, M.D., F.R.C.S., E. J Fitzgerald, M.B., H. G. Ramsbottom, J. D. Judson, M.B., T S. Forrest, M.B., W. E. Bramley-Moore, M.D., J. Maclean, M.B., W. S. Badger, M.B., S. Gooding, M D., H. M. L. Crawford, M.D., J. Goss, M.B., A. Kinsey-Morgan, F.R C.S.E., J. J. Anning, H. A. Fenton, W R. Wiseman, M.B., C. H. Bryan, S. J. Yeates, M.B., J. M. Adams, M.B., J. H. C. Thompson, M.D., J. Fraser, M.B., S. J. Moore, M.B., A. D. Campbell, M.B., R. N. West M.B., W. S. McDougall, M.B., H. North, J. T. Bailey, M B., E. Fullerton, M.B., D. F. Borrie, J. C. Walker, F. H. W. Brewer, G E. A. Petrie, M.B., R. A. Shekleton, M.D., D. M. M. Ross, M.B., C. A. Harrison, J. J Ryan, E. G. Fearnsides, M.D., F.R.C.P., J. R. Frost, T. G. Maitland, M.D., H. F. Woods, M.D., T. Stordy, A. Duguid, M.B., M. J. Horgan, M.B., J. E. Richards, M.B., G. F. Longbotham, M.B., W. C. Latley, R. S. Barker. M.B., R. C. Smith, M.B., W. L. Johnson, M B., F. W. Grant, C. Tylor, M.D., H. S. Brown, W. Garstang, M.B., J. E. Barnes, M.B., P. Henderson J. B. McCutcheon, M.B., W. Dunn, M.B., T. D. H. Holmes, M.D., F. G. Bergin, F. C. Drew, M.B., E. H. Dendy, M.B., H. L. de Caux, H. S. Banks, M.B.

To be temporary honorary Lieutenants: S. Morris, M.D., J. Fanstone, M.B., H. C. Shockett, M.B., W. Simpson, M.B., R. H. Maingot, H. G. E. Williams, M.B., A G. Morris, D. G. C. Tasker, M.B., E. E. Lightwood, W. M. Crombie, S. Hutchinson, T. Jackson, J. Bado.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

The promotion of Lieutenant H. S. Cormack, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., is antedated from October 22nd, 1914, to July 28th, 1914.

To be Lieutenants: A. N. Bose, U. J. Bourke, G. B. Hanna, D. R. Thomas, J. H. G. White, R. L. Vance, H. M. Collins.

The date of retirement of Lieutenant-Colonel J. N. Macleod, C.I.E., M.B., F.R.C.S.E., is August 23rd, 1916, and not March 18th, 1916, as previously stated

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

To be Lieutenants: W. Saunderson, M.B., from Queen's University, Belfast, O.T.C.; H. J. Wright, M.B., and E. G. Fishe, M.B., from University of Dublin O.T.C.; D. H. Anthony, B. E Jerwood, W R Dickinson, J. D. Dyson, and J. B. Hume, from University of London O.T.C.; F. B. Jago, T. Wilson, and G. L. Maule, from Manchester University O.T.C.; H. M. Alexander, from Royal College of Surgeons n Ireland O.T.C.; D. Colombos, M.B., H. T. Lamb, R. H. Yolland.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

London Field Ambulance.—To be Lieutenants: J. R. Clark, M.B., G. Thomson, M.B.

London General Hospitals.—Officers seconded for duty with a general hospital: Lieutenant-Colonel H. E. B. Bruce-Porter; Captains L. G. Crossman, L. N Reece, A H. Gosse, M D., V. G. Cope, G. Finch, S. H. Warren, C. E. H. Milner, J. A. Willett, M.D., G. W. Shore, C. E. W. McDonald, and P. G. Doyne.

London Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.—J. B. Hogarth, M.B., to be Lieutenant.

Home Counties Field Ambulance.—Captain T. S. Hele, M.D , from a general hospital, to be Captain; W. C. D. Maile to be Lieutenant.

Northern General Hospital.—Major H. R. Dean, M.D., F.R C.P., is seconded for duty with a general hospital.

Welsh Field Ambulance.—Major R. Griffith, from a field ambulance, to be Major.

Scottish General Hospital.—Major J. Smart, M.B., to be temporary Lieutenant-Colonel whilst acting as administrator.

Highland Field Ambulance.—Captain G. B. Killon, M.B., relinquishes his commission on account of ill health; Lieutenant A. J. McIvor, M.B., to be Captain.

Attached to Units other than Medical Units.—Major J. G. Macindoe, M.B., relinquishes his commission on account of ill health. To be Captains: Captain G. Eustace, M.D., from a field ambulance; Lieutenant M. Thompson. To be Lieutenants: B. T. J. Glover, M.B., K. Atkin.

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CANADIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. W. F. Gorrell to be temporary Colonel. Major F. H. Mewburn to be temporary Lieutenant-Colonel. Captain J. M. Nettleton to be temporary Major. To be temporary Captains: R. A. Kennedy, J. G. Wilson, J. G. Sutherland, G. S. Williams (late Lieutenant R.A.M.C.), C. R. B. Crompton and D. A. Webb Major W. Creighton to revert to the temporary rank of Captain at his own request.

SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Major E. M. Thornton to be temporary Lieutenant-Colonel whilst in charge of the South African Hospital, Richmond.

Vacancies and Appointments.

NOTICES REGARDING APPOINTMENTS.—Attention is called to a Notice (see Index to Advertisements—Important Notice re Appointments) appearing in our advertisement columns, giving particulars of vacancies as to which inquiries should be made before application.

VACANCIES.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL.—Resident Surgical Officer. Salary, £300 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM CITY FEVER HOSPITAL.—Resident Lady Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum.

BOLTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Second House-Surgeon (Lady). Salary, £200 per annum.

BRIGHTON COUNTY BOROUGH ASYLUM, Hayward's Heath.—Locumtenent Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £6 6s. per week.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Salary, £120 per annum.

CARDIFF: KING EDWARD VII's HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon Salary, £140 per annum.

CONSUMPTION SANATORIA OF SCOTLAND.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

DERBYSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY, Derby.—Two ladies as House Physicians, Anaesthetist, and Casualty Officers. Salary, £150 per annum.

DUDLEY: THE GUEST HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

DUNDEE: KING'S CROSS (FEVER) HOSPITAL.—Resident. Salary, £150.

ELDWICK SANATORIUM SCHOOL FOR TUBERCULOUS CHILDREN, Bingley, Yorks.—Lady Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £120.

EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Southwark.—Clinical Assistants. House-Physician; salary, £160 per annum.

GUILDFORD: ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon.

HARROGATE INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon.

HUDDERSFIELD EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Temporary Dental Surgeon. Salary, £250 per annum.

HUDDERSFIELD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeons (2). Salary: Qualified, £100; unqualified, £80.

LEEDS PUBLIC DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £200.

MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS.—Lady Medical Officer for Factory in Midlands. Salary, £400 per annum.

PADDINGTON GUARDIANS.—Second Assistant to Medical Superintendent of Infirmary and Medical Officer of the House. Remuneration, £6 6s. a week.

PLAISTOW FEVER HOSPITAL.—Second Assistant Medical Officer (Lady) for temporary duty. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon; salary, £200 per annum. Junior House-Surgeon; salary, £150 per annum.

SHEFFIELD CITY HOSPITALS.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £225 per annum.

SHEFFIELD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Two Resident Medical Officers. Salary, £100 per annum.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY.—Demonstrator in Pathology and Bacteriology. Salary, £300 per annum

STOKE-ON-TRENT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Lady School Medical Inspector. Salary, £300 per annum.

SUNDERLAND: ROYAL INFIRMARY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

WEST BROMWICH AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £120.

WEST DERBY UNION: ALDER HEY HOSPITAL.—Temporary Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £300 per annum.

WEST HAM UNION.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer for the Infirmary, Leytonstone; salary, £300 per annum Dispenser and Storekeeper for Relief Station, Plaistow; salary, £2 per week.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces the following vacant appointments: Godalming (Surrey), Sidmouth (Devon).

To ensure notice in this column—which is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found—it is necessary that advertisements should be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning. Persons interested should refer also to the Index to Advertisements which follows the Table of Contents in the JOURNAL.

APPOINTMENTS.

BARNES, Frank, M.B., M.S.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., Honorary Surgeon to the General Hospital, Birmingham.

PETYT, A. J., M.B., B.C Camb., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Longton District, co. Lancashire. (Correction.)

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 5s., *which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

DEATH.

CAMPBELL.—At a nursing home, on 7th inst., John Munro Campbell, M.B., C.M.Glasg., of "Cairntable," Newlands, Glasgow.

DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
	OCTOBER.
4 Wed.	London: Journal Committee, 2 p.m
10 Tues.	London: Organization Committee, 2.15 p.m.
11 Wed.	London: Medico-Political Committee, 2 p.m.
18 Wed.	London: Finance Committee, 2 p.m.

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